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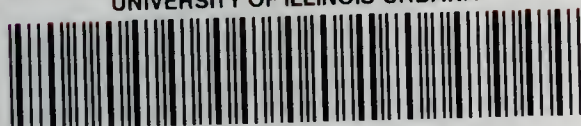
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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UNIT

Cooperative Effort Between
Police, Legal Services,
Victim Services and
Abuser Services

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WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT?

The Purpose of the Domestic Violence Unit is to reduce the number of domestic violence victims by providing an integrated response to the problem of domestic violence.

The Normal Police Department, a Victim Advocate from Countering Domestic Violence (CDV) Neville House and a Counselor from AVERT, work together to provide safety for victims. The Domestic Violence Unit also assures that appropriate services are available for victims, abusers, and for couples experiencing relationship difficulties.



NORMAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Normal Police Department currently has two officers who in addition to their routine patrol duties, are assigned part-time to the Domestic Violence Unit. These officers have received specialized training in the area of domestic violence and in the collection of evidence needed for prosecution. They also act as a resource for other officers in the field.

The officers and the victim advocate work together to insure that the victims are aware of their rights and available resources.



COUNTERING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

♀ (CDV) ♂

NEVILLE HOUSE

A Victim Advocate from CDV contacts the victims and other individuals who are determined to benefit from CDV services. The many services offered by CDV are explained and are offered at no cost. These services include:

- ★ 24 Hour Hotline: 827-7070
- ★ Emergency Shelter (NevilleHouse)
- ★ Legal Advocacy: 888-5521
- ★ Outreach Intervention Services
- ★ Support Groups for Victims of Domestic Violence
- ★ Support Groups for Children Dealing with Domestic Violence
- ★ Parenting Classes and Groups
- ★ Community Education/Training

A.V.E.R.T.

AVERT provides assessment and counseling services for those accused and/or convicted of domestic battery. It also provides the same services for those not yet accused or in the court system who wish to receive services. Group and individual counseling are available to men and women depending upon the results of the assessment.

AVERT serves individuals who have used verbal and/or physical violence in varying degrees of severity. One does not have to be involved in the court system to receive AVERT services. In fact, when individuals receive services in the early stages of these unhealthy patterns, they may actually avoid the need for law enforcement involvement.

An AVERT counselor attempts to make contact with individuals listed in the police reports except the victim, which is contacted by a CDV victim advocate.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Normal Police Department

Main# (309) 452-1121

Domestic Violence Unit (309) 454-9730

VICTIM SERVICES

Countering Domestic Violence

Neville House

24 Hours Hotline (309) 827-7070

McLean County

State's Attorney's Office

Domestic Violence Unit (309) 888-5521

Chestnut Health Systems*

Secure Program (309) 451-8200

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Countering Domestic Violence

Neville House (309) 827-7070

For Children's Sake (309) 438-3615

ABUSER SERVICES

A.V.E.R.T.* (309) 828-2860

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Counseling Services* (309) 829-0790

Chestnut Health Systems (309) 451-8200

*A fee is charged for these services

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